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Eppley goes international but won't put on airs

Daily service to Toronto starts May 1; airport has no plans to embellish its name

By PAIGE YOWELL
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Eppley Airfield will begin offering its first-ever international flight this spring.

The daily nonstop flight to Toronto will be operated by Air Canada, the first foreign airline to offer regular service to and from Eppley, starting May 1.

The flight will leave Toronto at 2:30 p.m. and land in Omaha at 4 p.m. The return flight will leave Omaha at 4:30 p.m. and land in Toronto at 7:50 p.m. Air Canada will fly the route with a 50-seat, single-class CRJ-200 jet.

"The new flight will offer opportunities for Omaha business and leisure travelers not only to Toronto and other destinations in Canada, but also throughout Air Canada's extensive and growing global network," said Steve McCoy, manager of airline affairs at Eppley.

"The schedule of service is very conducive to making European connections," he said.

Air Canada has been expanding its slate of flights to Europe and Asia over the past decade, according to an August report in the Wall Street Journal. The U.S. dollar's strength — \$1 is worth about 25 percent more in Canada — allows the airline to offer competitively priced fares in the United States.

The airline added 16 international and U.S. transborder routes

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Lethal drug supplier remains a secret

Documents are work of attorney, Corrections says, and are privileged

By JOE DUGGAN
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

LINCOLN — Nebraska prison officials have declined to publicly identify the supplier of a new batch of lethal injection drugs they purchased to carry out the state's first execution in 20 years.

Scott Frakes, director of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Ser-

vices, recently denied a Nov. 10 public records request from The World-Herald seeking communications between his staff and the source who sold four execution drugs to the state.

Such documents "constitute attorney work product, are subject to attorney-client privilege, are not public records and/or are confidential and exempt from disclosure," said a let-

ter late last week from Dawn-Renee Smith, communications director for the Corrections Department.

The department has turned over similar documents in past years. Smith provided no explanation as to why the department now considers such records exempt from the Nebraska Pub-

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Hands-on course opens eyes



Erin Grace
COLUMNIST

Ashley Osumi spent the first two hours of her Creighton University ceramics class ferrying red trays of sloppy joes to the homeless guests at Siena Francis House.

Then she rushed back to campus and grabbed a small, unfinished bowl. It needed to be glazed and fired to be ready for a unique sale next week in which this bowl — and some 1,000 others made by Creighton students — will be sold to benefit the very homeless shelter where Ashley and others had just served dinner to 350 people.

The bowls generally will go for \$10 apiece, though some will have price tags as high as \$150. Pur-



The Creighton University class Arts and Civic Engagement is meant to marry creativity and common good: Students must serve dinner at least twice at Omaha's Siena-Francis House, and some of their clay bowls will be sold to raise money for the shelter.

chasers get a complimentary bowl of soup (in a separate, disposable bowl) and all proceeds will go to the shelter at 1702 Nicholas St., just blocks from the Lied Education Center for the Arts, where this ceramics studio sits. The two-day sale is called "Empty Bowls" and is part of an international effort to raise awareness about hunger.

Ashley, a 21-year-old neuroscience major trying to get into medical school, looked at her pot, frowning. She was at a loss. Which color? Which glaze? Would this be any good? Would anyone even want it?

"I don't know if this is going to work," she said, using salad tongs to dip her pot into the pea-green chemicals.

This pot once had been dirt and minerals and water. It once had been a lump of clay that had been

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GOP TAX OVERHAUL

Midlanders in Senate optimistic as plan clears hurdle

By JOSEPH MORTON
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., was promoting the Republican tax plan on Capitol Hill on Tuesday by invoking a recent stroll through the heart of Norfolk, Nebraska.

Fischer said the tax bill will ben-

efit the small businesses she visited that day, from a bridal dress shop to a local grocery and said Nebraskans want tax relief.

"We need to make some changes in the tax code if they're going to be able to continue to grow," Fischer said during a press conference that included representatives of small business organizations.

All four GOP senators from Nebraska and Iowa have signaled that they're likely to support their party's tax overhaul, which picked up momentum Tuesday as it passed a key Senate committee.

Democrats, meanwhile, have continued to denounce the package as too weighted in favor of corporate interests and wealthy

individuals even as it adds \$1.4 trillion or more to federal budget deficits over 10 years.

About a dozen protesters rallied against the bill outside the Omaha office of Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., on Monday.

"We want Sen. Sasse to know

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